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TAGS: PGOV, PINS, ASEC, CASC, RP
SUBJ: SITREP 22: ATTEMPTED COUP IN MANILA, AS OF 1100
DECEMBER 3.

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PRESIDENT AQUINO TELEVISED A STATEMENT AT ABOUT 1030.

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SHE FIRMLY REJECTED A REBEL OFFER OF A CEASEFIRE, DECLARING "WHAT THEY STARTED, I WILL END." SHE CONDEMNED THE REBELS FOR USING "PEOPLE AS SHIELDS," CALLING THIS A "TRAGIC DISTORTION OF PEOPLE POWER." SHE DESCRIBED RECENT GOP SUCCESSES, STATING THAT GOVERNMENT FORCES HAD CAPTURED REBEL LEADER LTC CESAR DE LA PENA AND TWO LVT VEHICLES. TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SOURCE STATES GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE APPARENTLY STARTED MOVING AGAINST REBEL POSITIONS IN MAKATI, NOW CONTROLLING THE MANDARIN HOTEL. TWO SIKORSKY HELICOPTERS ARE OVERFLYING MAKATI. REBELS CONTINUE TO HOLD THE RITZ TOWER CONDOMINIUM BUILDING AND THE INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL. THEY HAVE POSITIONED A 50 CALIBER MACHINEGUN ON TOP OF THE LOCSIN BUILDING (WHERE THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS OFFICES). SOME FIGHTING HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND A REBEL B-150 IS CRUISING PASAY ROAD IN MAKATI. CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE B-150 IS FIRING INTO THE STANDARD CHARTERED BANK. PLATT

END OF MESSAGE

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